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## Work begins on second Major Moves Borman/I-65 interchange contract

Schedule includes full closure of I-65 north of I-80/94 for approximately nine months beginning on or after March 1

GARY, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announces the beginning of construction on the second of three contracts for the Major Moves New Construction Interchange Modification project at I-65 and I-80/94 (the Frank Borman Expressway).

This contract involves the reconstruction of I-65 in the area where it crosses over I-80/94, the reconstruction of Colorado Street and the rehabilitation of six bridges in that area. Construction is scheduled for completion in July 2009.

Minor lane restrictions will occasionally take place for this project during the next two months. Then, on or after March 1, approximately 1.5 miles of I-65 will be closed to all traffic for approximately nine months from just south of where it crosses I-80/94 to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Included will be the closure of the following ramps:

- Westbound I-80/94 to northbound I-65
- Westbound I-80/94 to southbound I-65
- Eastbound I-80/94 to northbound I-65

Detour routes for each closure will be clearly posted. The following roads will be used as alternate routes:

- State Road 51 (S.R. 51)
- U.S. 12/U.S. 20
- State Road 53 (Broadway)
- State Road 912 (S.R. 912)
- Indiana Toll Road

The closure of I-65 will expedite the construction schedule and increase the overall safety of the traveling public and workers. The ramps from northbound I-65 to east or westbound I-80/94 will remain open.

Major Moves fully funds a decade of critical highway projects in Indiana. When Major Moves is complete in 2015, more than 200 new construction and 200 major highway preservation projects will have been built. Major Moves capitalizes on Indiana's strategic location at the *Crossroads of America* by building a superior road infrastructure. This innovative plan will bring jobs to the Hoosier State and leave a legacy for Indiana to be a global leader in distribution and logistics.

For more information, visit the Borman Expressway Web site at <a href="http://www.in.gov/dot/div/specialprojects/borman/index.html">http://www.in.gov/dot/div/specialprojects/borman/index.html</a>.

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